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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL ENTITLED QUOTE NO
CUBAN TROOPS ARE STATIONED IN GUYANA UNQUOTE

1. FOLLOWING LETTER APPEARED IN MARCH 2 EDITION OF NEW
YORK TIMES, FROM GUYANA'S AMBASSADOR TO U.S., LAURENCE E.
MANN.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. TO THE EDITOR: IN YOUR ISSUE OF FEB 23,
C. L. SULZBERGER ESSAYED AN ANALYSIS OF CUBAN FOREIGN
POLICY--FROM LONDON. AFTER INDULGING HIS CONSIDERED OPIN-
ION OF THE MOTIVATION OF CUBA'S FOREIGN POLICY (WHICH HE
IS ENTITLED TO BELIEVE THAT HE KNOWS OR UNDERSTANDS), HE
WENT ON TO LIST, SO TO SPEAK, THE ADDRESSES OF CUBAN
TROOPS AROUND THE WORLD. UNFORTUNATELY, HE CITES THE
REPUBLIC OF GUYANA AS ONE SUCH ADDRESS WHERE CUBAN TROOPS
MIGHT BE LOCATED. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT NO CUBAN
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TROOPS HAVE EVER BEEN OR ARE NOW STATIONED IN GUYANA.

3. IT IS, FURTHER, A MATTER FOR REGRET THAT A COLUMNIST OF SUCH STANDING IN A NEWSPAPER OF YOUR STATURE SHOULD INSINUATE INVIDIOUS IDEOLOGICAL AND/OR MILITARY INTENT ON THE PART OF GUYANA TOWARD ITS NEIGHBORS BY THE WHOLE TONE OF HIS COLUMN IN GENERAL AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE MISCHIEVOUS SENTENCE, QUOTE CUBA STILL MANAGES TO MAINTAIN TROOPS IN GUYANA, ON VENEZUELA'S FLANK. UNQUOTE

4. ON FEB 23, PRECISELY TWO DAYS BEFORE SULZBERGER'S COLUMN, INTO WHICH GUYANA WAS DRAGGED SCREAMING, IN SUPPORT OF HIS CONTENTION, THE PRIME MINISTER OF GUYANA HAD, IN A BROADCAST TO THE NATION, REITERATED: QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA WILL NOT PERMIT ITS TERRITORY TO BE USED AS A BASE HOSTILE TO ANY HEMISPHERIC STATE. UNQUOTE HE WENT ON TO OBSERVE: QUOTE GUYANA HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF THE MOST VICIOUS ATTACKS AND PREVARICATIONS BY CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE FOREIGN MEDIA. UNQUOTE PROPHECIC?

5. AS FOR VENEZUELA, ON THE SAME DAY PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ NOTED: QUOTE THE 23RD OF FEBRUARY, 1976, PROVIDES YET ANOTHER OCCASION FOR OUR TWO NEIGHBORING STATES TO RECALL THAT WE HAVE BEEN THE VICTIMS OF EUROPEAN IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM. TODAY, BOTH VENEZUELA AND GUYANA STRIVE TO OWN AND CONTROL ALL THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES WHILE STRIVING FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. UNQUOTE

6. (SIGNED) LAURENCE E. MANN, AMBASSADOR, REPUBLIC OF GUYANA, WASHINGTON, FEB 26, 1976. INGERSOLL

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